

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1701 - HB 1777

March 12, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Directs the Department of Agriculture to develop a statistically based or other scientific methodology for determining ground water withdrawals for agriculture and nursery industries. Requires that the data be consistent with the United States Supreme Court requirements as used in interstate water disputes. Requires the Department of Agriculture to work cooperatively with the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, the Tennessee Farm Bureau, the Tennessee Agriculture Statistics Service and the United States Geological Survey in developing such a methodology.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$50,000 One-Time
\$100,000 Recurring**

Estimate assumes a one-time increase in state expenditures of \$50,000 to establish the program and \$100,000 recurring to collect and analyze data.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director